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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the July 30, 2002 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants previously filed an Amendment in Response to the July 30, 2002 Final Office Action on October 30, 2002. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding in order to concurrently submit a Supplemental Amendment to the Patent and Trademark Office by facsimile. The required fee for a three-month extension of time is NINE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$930.00) for a large entity and applicants enclose a check for this amount. Accordingly, a response to the July 30, 2002 Final Office Action is now due January 30, 2003, and applicants' concurrently filed Supplemental Amendment is being timely submitted.

No fee, other than the enclosed NINE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$930.00) for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge

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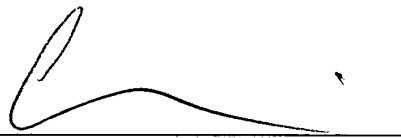
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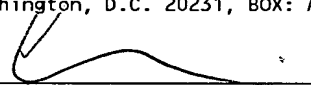
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